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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/786,555 :  
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FOR: OUTER TUBE MADE OF SILICON :  
CARBIDE AND THERMAL TREATMENT  
SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTORS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.